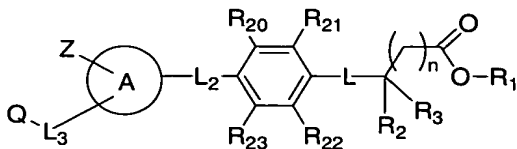


What is claimed is:

1. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

each R₁ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or C₃-C₆ alkenyl;

- R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-heterocycloalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-heteroaryl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R₃ is H or -CO₂R₁,

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H, arylalkoxy, arylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-aryl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)aryl, -NHC(O)aryl, NHarylalkyl, NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-aryl, N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-aryl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-aryl, -NHSO₂-aryl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂aryl, or -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)arylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy;

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-,
-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)
alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl
group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is
5 optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂,
haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-,
-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -
10 N(R₉)C(O) -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-
C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O) -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -
N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-
(C₁-C₆)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,
R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with CO₂H,

15 - - - -SO₂aryl-, arylalkyl-, wherein the aryl group is
optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups
that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy,
halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-
C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

20 L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-,
-alkenyl-, C(O);

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl,
dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl,
pyrimidyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl,
25 benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl,
oxazolyl, triazolyl, each of which is optionally
substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are
independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₆
alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, CN, NH₂,
30 NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, aryl, -aryl-carbonyl-aryl, -aryl-alkyl-aryl, -aryl-
heteroaryl, -aryl-heterocycloalkyl, -heteroaryl,
-heteroaryl-alkyl-aryl, -heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl,
halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or alkoxycarbonyl,
35 wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally

substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxy carbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, aryl(C₁-

5 C₆)alkyl, alkanoyl, arylalkanoyl, alkoxy carbonyl, arylalkoxy carbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or -SO₂-aryl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are

10 independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy, and

Z is absent, H, -NHC(O)aryl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)aryl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

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Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl;

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provided that when L₂ is a bond, the A ring is not phenyl.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

25 R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyridinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, or

30 -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-tetrahydrofuranyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen,

C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy;
 wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl,
 5 benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl,
 oxazolyl, pyrimidyl, or triazolyl, each of which is
 optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are
 independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy,
 haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-
 10 C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -
 (C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl,
 -phenyl-oxazolyl, -phenyl-thiazolyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl,
 -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-
 15 pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl,
 -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide,
 -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl,
 benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -
 pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-
 20 phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dibenzofuranyl,
 thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl,
 tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl,
 pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen,
 haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein
 25 the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally
 substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are
 independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,
 halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein
 R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-
 30 C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆
 alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl,
 pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, pyridyl,
 pyrimidyl, piperidinylcarbonyl,
 pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl,
 35 -C(O)N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or -SO₂-phenyl,

wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted
with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently
halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂,
NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂
haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl,
-N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein
the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2,
3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆
alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂,
or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-
C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

3. A compound according to claim 2, wherein

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -
C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)
alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, or -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl
group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is
optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂,
C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-,
-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -
N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-
C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -
N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-
(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,
R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl,

naphthyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, anthracenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl,
wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted
with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-
C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-
C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl,
or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -C(O)-; and

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, NHbenzyl, or -N(C₁-C₆)alkylbenzyl, wherein the phenyl and naphthyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

4. A compound according to claim 3, wherein

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -NH-, or -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -C(O)-;

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl or allyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-
 C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-
 C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄)
 5 alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -
 (C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl
 group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein
 the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both
 are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4
 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄
 10 alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄
 haloalkoxy;
 wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R₃ is H;

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H,
 15 phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halogen, alkyl,
 OH, alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-
 C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, NHbenzyl, or -
 N(C₁-C₆)alkylbenzyl, wherein the phenyl groups are
 optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
 20 independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂,
 C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl,
 benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl,
 oxazolyl, pyrimidyl, or triazolyl, each of which is
 25 optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are
 independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy,
 haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-
 C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -
 30 (C₁-C₄)alkyl- phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl,
 -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-
 pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl,
 pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -
 pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, imidazolidinyl,
 35 dibenzofuranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl,

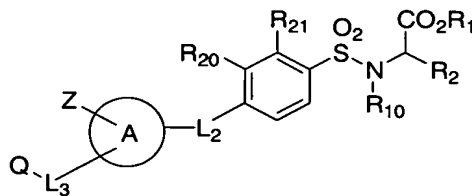
piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxy, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, pyridyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

5. A compound according to claim 4 of the formula



wherein,

R₁ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl

ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₂

5 haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

R₁₀ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or
10 C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy; and

R₂₀, and R₂₁, are independently selected from H, benzyloxy, benzyl, halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, OH, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, NHbenzyl, or -N(C₁-C₆)alkylbenzyl,

15 wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

20 6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl,

25 naphthyl-CH₂-, anthracenyl-CH₂-, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂

30 haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -C(O)-;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl,

benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl,

35 pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally

substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl-

5 pyridyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups
10 are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, or NR₆R₇; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-

15 C₄)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-
20 C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2,
25 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

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7. A compound according to claim 6, wherein

R₁ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a
35 total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently

halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, CF₃,
or OCF₃;

R₁₀ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally
substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted
5 with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆
alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or
C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy; and

R₂₀, and R₂₁, are independently selected from H, halogen, C₁-C₄
alkyl, OH, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-
10 C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl,

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-,
-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-,
-N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl,

15 wherein the phenyl-group is optionally substituted
with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-
C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-
C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-,
20 or -C(O)-;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl,
benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl,
pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally
substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently,
25 halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy,
NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl,
thienyl, piperidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆
alkyl, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆
30 alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups
are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups
that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆
alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, or
NR₆R₇; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently
 5 halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, NO_2 , OH, NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, CF_3 , or OCF_3 , and

Z is $-NHC(O)phenyl$, $-N(C_1-C_4 alkyl)C(O)phenyl$, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with
 10 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_2 haloalkoxy, or NO_2 , or

Z is $-NHC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl$, or $-N(C_1-C_4)alkylC(O)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-(C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl$.

15 8. A compound according to claim 7, wherein

R_1 is H, or C_1 - C_4 alkyl;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_4) alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a
 20 total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl$;

R_{10} is H, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1 - C_6
 25 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2 , CF_3 , or OCF_3 ; and

At least one of R_{20} and R_{21} , is H, while the other is H, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, OH, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, or $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$,

L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-$,
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R_9 is H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2phenyl$, benzyl, phenethyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, CF_3 , or OCF_3 ;
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L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, or -C(O)-;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, or NR₆R₇; wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

9. A compound according to claim 8, wherein

L₂ is a bond;

R₂ is phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, or -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl;

- Q is phenyl, or pyridyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkoxy, carbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, or NR₆R₇; wherein
- 5 R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂,
- 10 NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃, and
- Z is phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂.
- 15 10. A compound according to claim 1, wherein
- n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;
- R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or C₃-C₆ alkenyl;
- R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-
- 20 C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyridinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, or -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-tetrahydrofuran-2-yl, wherein the
- 25 heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄
- 30 haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy;
- wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;
- R₃ is H or -CO₂R₁,
- R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H, phenylalkoxy, phenylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy,
- 35 NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-

phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, or -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)phenylalkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy; and

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy.

11. A compound according to claim 10, wherein

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)C(O) -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O) -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-, R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with CO₂H, -SO₂phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylalkyl, or anthracenylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₃ is absent, a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -alkenyl-, C(O);

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, quinolinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl,

benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, furanyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-oxazolyl, -phenyl-thiazolyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidiny, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidiny, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxy carbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxy carbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, piperidinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂,

NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂
haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, and

Z is absent, H, -NHC(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, or
phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally
5 substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are
independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄
haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, or NO₂.

12. A compound according to claim 11, wherein

10 R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H,
phenylalkoxy, benzyl, phenethyl, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, OH,
alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl,
NH-phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-
phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, or -N(C₁-
15 C₄alkyl)phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is
optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂,
haloalkyl, haloalkoxy;

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -
20 C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)
alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl
group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is
optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂,
25 haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy; or

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-,
-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -
N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-,
-N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-, or
30 -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenylalkyl,
naphthylalkyl, or anthracenylalkyl, wherein the aryl
group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4
groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄

alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₃ is absent, a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -alkenyl-, C(O);

5 R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or C₃-C₆ alkenyl;

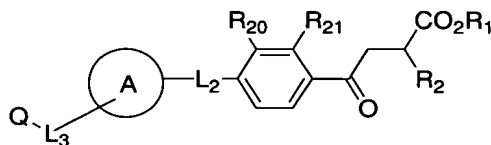
R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyridinyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl ring is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy;

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl, benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, or pyrrolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

20 Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_6)alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_6)alkanoyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_6)alkoxy carbonyl, pyridyl carbonyl, furanyl carbonyl, piperidinyl carbonyl, pyrrolidinyl carbonyl, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $-C(O)N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, or $-SO_2$ -phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, NO_2 , OH , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkoxy, and Z is absent, H, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkoxy, or NO_2 .

13. A compound according to claim 12, of the formula



wherein

R_1 is H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;
 R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-CH_2$ -pyridyl, or (C_1 - C_4) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, $-SO_2$ -(C_1 - C_4) alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, or C_1 - C_4 haloalkoxy; and
 R_{20} and R_{21} are independently selected from H, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, NH -phenyl, NH phenylalkyl, $N(C_1-C_4)alkyl$ -phenyl, $-NHSO_2$ -phenyl, $-N(C_1-C_4alkyl)SO_2$ phenyl, or $-N(C_1-C_4alkyl)phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, OH , NO_2 , haloalkyl, haloalkoxy.

14. A compound according to claim 13, wherein the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, quinazolinyl, or benzo[b]thiophene, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;
- 10 Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

15. A compound according to claim 14, wherein L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

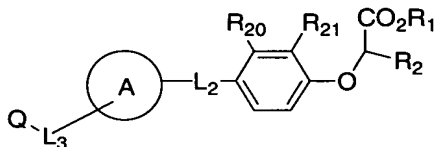
- R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthyl-CH₂-, or anthracenyl-CH₂-, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;
- L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, C(O);
- R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -CH₂-pyridyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;
- Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein
- R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

16. A compound according to claim 15, wherein
- L₃ is a bond;
- R₂ is phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;
- Q is H, or phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆

alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, NR₆R₇, or phenyl;
and

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl,
dihydropyrazolyl, quinazolinyl, and benzo[b]thiophene,
each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3
groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄
alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-
C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl.

17. A compound according to claim 11, of the formula



wherein

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or (C₁-C₄)

hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally
substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-
C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy.

18. A compound according to claim 17, wherein

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl,
quinolinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, pyrimidyl,
quinazolinyl, furanyl, or benzo[b]thiophene, each of
which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups
that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy,
C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-
C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl; and

R₂₀ and R₂₁, are independently selected from H, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-
C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄
alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, N(C₁-
C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, or
-N(C₁-C₄alkyl)phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group
is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that

are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy.

19. A compound according to claim 18, wherein

- 5 L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-,
-N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,
R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthyl-
CH₂-, or anthracenyl-CH₂-, wherein the aryl group is
optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups
10 that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy,
halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-
C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;
L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-,
C(O);
15 R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein the
phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of
1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄
alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;
Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl,
20 piperidiny, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, wherein the
aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted
with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently
alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃,
OCF₃, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein
25 R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-
C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, or -
SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally
substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂,
30 OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-
C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound
according to claim 1 and at least one pharmaceutically
35 acceptable carrier, solvent, adjuvant or excipient.

21. A method of treating diabetes, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of a compound of claim 1.

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22. A compound according to claim 1 that is

N-([4-([4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-([4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-([4-([4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-methyl-N-([4-{5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-([4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-methyl-N-([4-{5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-([4-[5-(4-butoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

2-benzyl-4-oxo-4-[3-([4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl]butanoic acid;

N-([4-([4-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-([4-[5-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-([4-([4-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-([4-([4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

methyl (2S)-2-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl}sulfonyl)amino]phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoate;

N-([4-([4-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;

N-([4-([4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl]phenyl)sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

(2S)-2-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-([4-([4,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrimidin-2-yl]amino)phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

N-methyl-N-([4-[5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

2-benzyl-4-[4-([2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-([4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino]phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-([3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino]phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

(2S)-2-[3-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-{4-[(4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-([4-[2-[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine

(2S)-2-[4-((2-naphthylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-([4-{4-bromo-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-([4-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

2-{4-[(4-bromobenzoyl)amino]-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-([4-[(6-bromo-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl)amino]phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-([4-[2-[(cyclopentylacetyl)amino]-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

N-({4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-[(4-[(4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(5-(dimethylamino)-1-naphthyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(5-chloro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[3-((2-naphthylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

N-[(4-{3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-[(4-{4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

2-{4-[(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-{4-[(4-bromo-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[3-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-{4-[(4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
diallyl {2-oxo-2-[4-([4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl]ethyl}[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]malonate;
N-([4-[(6-isopropyl-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl)amino]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
N-([4-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)-N-ethyl-L-phenylalanine;
N-([4-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;
N-([4-[2,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl)phenylalanine;
2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(3,4-dibromophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
2-benzyl-4-(4-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;
methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-[(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;
methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-[(3,4-dichlorobenzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;
methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl](2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
2-benzyl-4-{3-[(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;
2-(3-[(4-bromophenyl)amino]-4-[(4-butylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(2-naphthylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
2-benzyl-4-{3-[(2-naphthylmethyl)(2-naphthylsulfonyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;
4-{3-[(2-anthrylsulfonyl)(2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-2-benzyl-4-oxobutanoic acid;
methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[4-(dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl](2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]([4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)(2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]([4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]([3,4-difluorophenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]([4-(dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

(2S)-2-[4-([4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzyl]([4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-oxo-4-[4-([4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenyl] butanoic acid;

2-[3-([4-butylphenyl]amino)-4-([2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-([4-([4-butylphenyl]amino)-3-([3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenyl] sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

benzyl (2S)-2-[4-([5-nitro-2-furyl]methyl)([3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoate;

(2R)-2-[4-([4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinolin-5-yl]methyl)([3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-[4-([4-butylphenyl]amino)-3-([4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzoyl]amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-[3-([4-butylphenyl]amino)-4-([4-chlorophenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-([4-([6-bromo-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl](carboxymethyl)amino)phenyl]sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

2-[3-([4-butylphenyl]amino)-4-([3-cyano-4-fluorophenyl]sulfonyl)amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

4-[4-((4-chlorobenzyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxo-2-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)butanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4-[[[4-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl](1-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4-[[[3,4-dichlorophenyl]sulfonyl][4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4-[[[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl]sulfonyl]amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-[[[3,4-dichlorophenyl]sulfonyl](2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-[[[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][3,4-dichlorophenyl]sulfonyl]amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

2-benzyl-4-[3-[[[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][3,4-dichlorophenyl]sulfonyl]amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[3-[[[biphenyl-4-ylmethyl][3,4-dichlorophenyl]sulfonyl]amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

methyl 4-[3-[[[4-benzoylbenzyl][3,4-dichlorophenyl]sulfonyl]amino]phenyl]-2-benzyl-4-oxobutanoate;

2-benzyl-4-[3-[[[3,4-dichlorophenyl]sulfonyl](4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

4-(4-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylphenyl)-4-oxo-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]butanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[3-[[[4-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl](2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-[[[3,4-difluorophenyl]sulfonyl](2-naphthylmethyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

N-[[4-(2-bromo-5-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

N-[[4-(5-bromo-2-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

2-[4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-[4-[4-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-{4-[4-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[2-(2-Cyclopentyl-acetyl-amino)-5-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[2-(4-Chloro-benzoylamino)-5-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylamino]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-ethyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-{4-[5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-ethyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-[4-(5-Bromo-2-dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid

2-[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid

(4-{2-[(8-Chloro-dibenzofuran-4-carbonyl)-amino]-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl}-phenoxy)-phenyl-acetic acid

[4-(2-Benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy]-phenyl-acetic acid

[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy]-phenyl-acetic acid; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.